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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Briefing of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy -
28 January 1965

1. The Director appeared before the Joint Committee for the annual briefing. Accompanying the Director were: Dr. Donald Chamberlain, Mr. Wallace Howard, Mr. Bruce Clarke, and Mr. John S. Warner. Present from the Committee were:

Representative Chet Holifield
Senator John O. Pastore
Senator Henry M. Jackson
Senator Bourke B. Hickenlooper
Senator George D. Aiken
Senator Wallace F. Bennett

Representative Melvin Price
Representative Thomas G. Morris
Representative John B. Anderson

Present from the Committee staff were:

John T. Conway
Edward J. Bauser
George F. Murphy, Jr.
James B. Graham

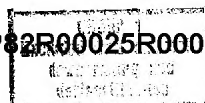
Jack Rosen
Leonard Trosten
Edith E. Jack

From the Atomic Energy Commission:

Dr. Gerald F. Tape
James T. Ramey
R. E. Hollingsworth
General Crowson

Howard C. Brown, Jr.
Dr. George Kavanagh

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The agenda consisted of four items:

- a. Soviet nuclear program;

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- d. The Nth Country problem.

2. Prior to the hearing there was a technical sweep of the room. A transcript was taken. Since the substantive material involved information of special classification, detailed special arrangements have been made with the Joint Committee on the handling of the transcription, the transcripts and appropriate special clearance procedures will be gone through for all staff personnel of the Joint Committee who have access as well as those in AEC who were present who do not yet have the appropriate special clearance. The Director advised me after the hearing that he did not wish page inserts made of the graphics containing the specially classified information. In his opening and closing remarks, the Director stressed the sensitivity of certain of the information indicating that within the Intelligence Community it was classified higher than top secret.

3. In discussing the recent Soviet nuclear shot of 15 January, the Director indicated that additional information would be forthcoming on this and he would advise the Committee.

4. When the Director completed the briefing [REDACTED] the Chairman inquired if this briefing had been furnished to the President. The Director indicated that a paper on this had been forwarded but he had not personally briefed the President. The Chairman asked the advice of the Committee on his suggestion that a letter be sent to the President from the Chairman urging that he be briefed by Mr. McCone on this subject prior to Mr. McCone's departure from office. No one objected and Senator Hickenlooper concurred adding that a telephone call to the President from the Chairman would be better. The Chairman indicated he would do both.

5. The briefing lasted for approximately two and one-half hours. It was apparent that all members present were very much absorbed in the information being furnished. They regarded this as a very fine briefing. There were numerous laudatory remarks concerning Mr. McCone's service to the Government and the Chairman indicated that the record would be kept open for additional statements to be filed and a copy of this would be sent forward to the Director.

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